

"This country belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they grow weary of their government they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it or their revolutionary right to overthrow it."—Abraham Lincoln.

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Open door to Russia will solve deportation problem.

— By W. E. Williams. —

NEW YORK.—"Let us go back to Soviet Russia and you will have no Russian deportation problem on your hands" is the word which Russian workmen detained as "anarchists" at Ellis Island and elsewhere have sent the following letter to Secretary of State Lansing:

"As attorney for eighty Russians, now being held at Ellis Island pending investigation of their right to remain in the United States, and as attorney for other Russians held in jails and immigration stations elsewhere in the United States, I am authorized to make the following proposal to the Department of State:

"My clients, one of whom is under conviction of crime and one of whom is charged with crime, are willing to leave the United States at their own expense, taking their families with them, providing that your department will give its assurance, (first) that they will receive safe conduct to some point in Russia under the control of the Soviets. If, however, they must be deported, I am instructed by my clients to refrain from taking any legal action for delaying or preventing deportation, providing the assurances above referred to are given.

"As the Department of State must know, to land these men, charged with advocating anarchy and deported, upon territory held by any Russian faction other than the Soviets will mean their imprisonment or execution.

"If your department sees fit to give these assurances, it will at once dispel the government's large sums of money in investigations, maintenance of detained persons, hearings, and the like. Furthermore, it will eliminate the cost to the government of opposing us when we have recourse to our legal remedies, as we must, if the government does not see fit to give assurance that the men deported will be landed upon, or conducted to, soil held by the Soviets."

COSSAK RULE IN STEEL CENTERS

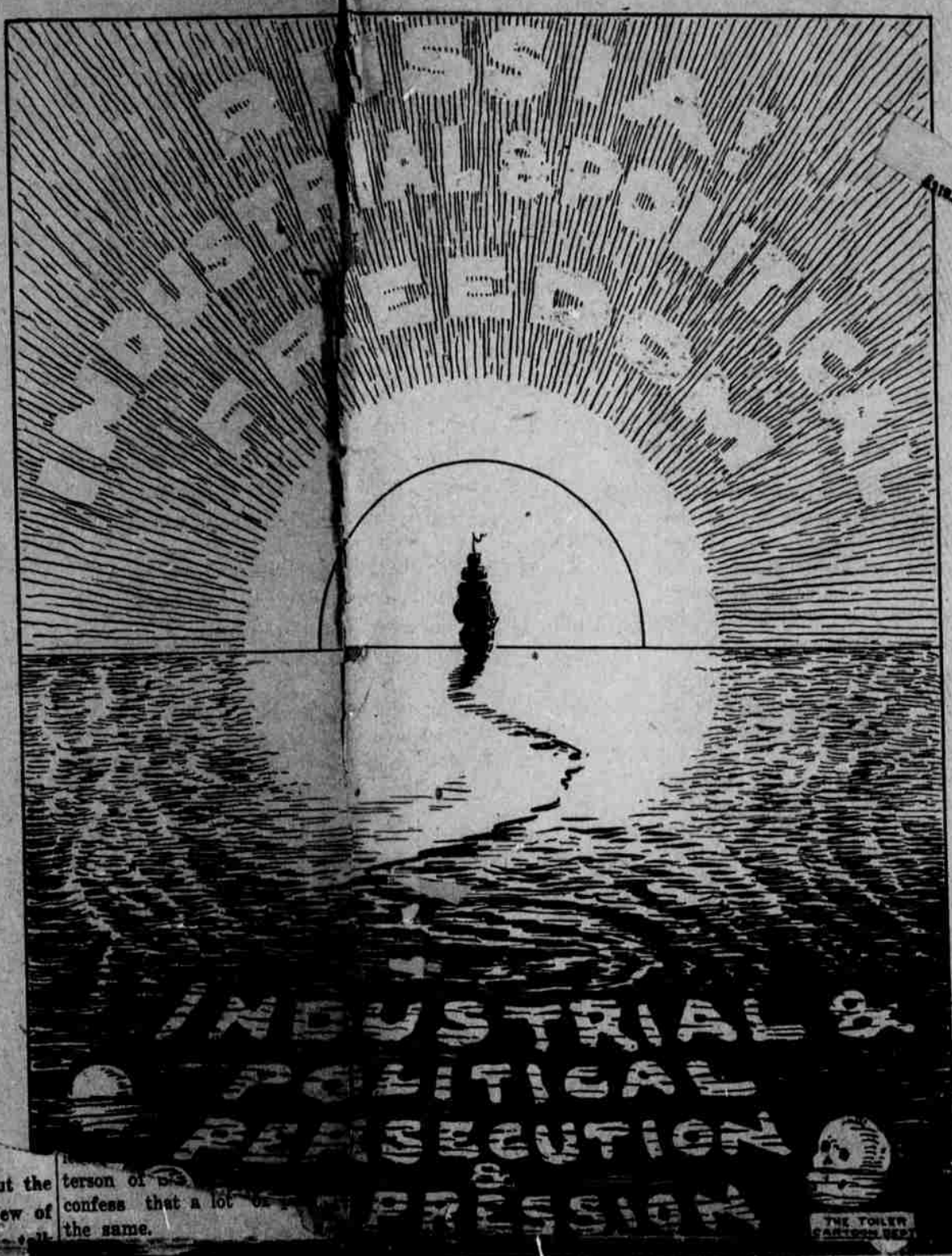
— By SARAH LIMBACH. —

PITTSBURG, PA.—Despite the fact that Congress does not consider it necessary to investigate the denial of Constitutional liberties to the thousands of steel strikers in Western Pennsylvania, on the assumption that these liberties have been "restored," the past week brings fresh evidence of further flagrant injustices on the part of the Penn. State Cossacks. Backed by the local authorities and the courts a final attempt is being made to batter down the resistance of the hundred thousand men still out in the Pittsburgh district.

Twenty-seven strikers were recently sentenced in Butler, Pa., to varying terms on a technical charge of riot. The Butler men have been out on strike since August 3rd when a walk-out occurred at the plant of the Standard Steel Car Co. On the night of August 20 the men were aroused from their homes and informed that a carload of strike-breakers was to arrive. They were requested to meet them at Odell station. Instead, the men were greeted by a special car containing state police and a score were arrested. That the men were victims of a frame-up is beyond doubt.

In Donora, where the plant of the American Steel and Wire Co. is located, the strike headquarters were raided on December 5th by state police. Walter Hodge, organizer in charge and one hundred men were arrested on a charge of conspiracy. The conspiracy being that the men had instigated dynamite explosion in a residential section of Donora. A thorough search of the men, call out the on the part of the strike murder a few of the men. They were taken to the local jail and later they were discharged on bail, Hodge bail being placed at \$500. After a hearing in the county court, those who were citizens were discharged and 94 aliens were held. Walter Hodge was also held, tho a citizen. At the hearing the most damaging bit of evidence was produced by Michael Tuth, a state wit-

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"THE SOVIET ARK."

Let 'Organization' Be Your Answer.

The greatest attack of the government is mis-called civilization has taught nothing upon the political rights of the working-class occurred last Friday night when a nationwide blow was struck at the workers in the round up numbering into the thousands. In this latest and most idiotic attempt of the capitalist interests of the United States to throttle the aspirations of the workers, methods were used, that would put to shame those of the former autocrat of Russia. Men, women and children were routed out of their homes and beds, carted off to bull pens and herded like cattle without even the semblance of ordinary comforts being provided. Hundreds and hundreds were compelled to stand thru the whole night and even the following day while an army of "investigators" decided their fate. Mothers were taken from their children, fathers from their families and communication denied them. Jails were filled to overflow, thousands slept upon the filthy floors of the capitalist jails without even a lousy mattress or a coverlet for protection.

These are the methods of tyranny. It is by these insane methods that the government of the United States proposes to weed out radicalism in this country. The lessons of history remain unlearned by the present autocrats who hold official power in the government. "Tyranny breeds radicalism, persecution aids the cause it seeks to demolish. Revolution thrives thru such unjust and cruel misuse of power. Is the government of the United States erected upon such flimsy foundations that it can be menaced by an idea? Does the government believe for a moment that the deportation of a few foreigners and the jailing of a few native born will have the slightest deterrent effect upon the proletarian revolution that is sweeping over the whole world? If it does, then the history of the progress of the human race from savagery thru barbarism to what

is mis-called civilization has taught nothing to the ruling class of this country.

Instead of quelling radicalism, these roundups, deportations, persecutions and jail sentences but add to the numbers of the discontented. If the government and the ruling class of America have no answer to the workers when they demand justice in the industrial and political life of the nation except jails, deportations, arrests, persecutions, hounding, spying and the blacklist—then the sooner the government extends its persecutions and adds to their severity, the better it will be for the working-class of America. The sooner then will the workers learn the lesson of organization.

The workers' answer to these outrages must be ORGANIZATION. The capitalist class fears the workers only when organized. Unorganized, it knows the workers are helpless to resist the exploitation which it seeks to fasten upon them. Unorganized we are completely at the mercy of brutal capitalism. Only by perfecting our organizations can we hope to successfully oppose the organized power of capital and capitalistic governments which are its tools. Then organize! Organize in the shops, form a group of workers for carrying on propaganda, for support of the workers' press and the work of education. Distribute propaganda, sell books, get subscriptions for the revolutionary papers. Take your rightful place as a leader in the craft unions if you belong to one. Join the Communist Labor Party and the I. W. W. Take your place in the organized ranks of the Proletarian Revolution against capitalist oppression, tyranny and exploitation. Join the world's Red Legions that are making this world a fit place for the workers. Join the International Proletarian Revolution against capitalist exploitation.

Organize and put a stop forever to the dictatorship of the capitalist class.

We are raided, yes-no.

Yes, the nation wide raid on radicals hit the state office of the Communist Labor Party, but not as hard as was anticipated. The C. L. P. membership was demanded but didn't go forth. When the gents in charge of operations had gathered up some papers of uncertain value to them or us, they offered to trade them for the membership list. However, we were not in a swapping mood so the deal did not go thru. As a consequence, seven well paid officers of the U. S. government went away empty and wiser then when they came—wise to the fact that some things are unobtainable in this world. We should worry.

A Cheerful Letter From Leavenworth Prison.

Elmer T. Allison, Cleveland, O.

Dear Comrade and Fellow-worker:

You will probably be surprised to hear from me, but then a wobbly is always doing something unexpected so you see I am only upholding the traditions of the organization of which I am proud to be a member.

I receive a copy of "The Toller" every week, and it is a fine paper to my mind it is the best paper that comes in here and we get almost all of them. It (the Toller) seems to have discovered the proper method of disseminating news of interest to the radicals and of educational value to that biological specimen, found in large numbers on the North American continent, known to biologists as *Seissorbilicus Americus* (the English translation is Mr. Block I believe.)

The trial in Kansas City, Kansas is over and the boys were found guilty of encroaching on "oil John's" preserves. They arrived here this afternoon and I will renew acquaintances with numerous friends here. Their sentences range from three to nine years, but you will know all about the trial by the time this letter reaches you, so I will not enlarge on it.

I hear from Walter and Laura Reynolds every once in a while and their letters are always full of that spirit that has done so much to keep alive the desire for freedom in the hearts of the American workers.

If you can find time to drop me a line I will always be glad to hear from you but I realize how busy you are and if I don't hear from you I will know the reason.

Hoping that fellow worker Santa Claus will visit you and with best wishes I remain

Yours for Industrial Freedoms Archie Sinclair.

LONGUET ON THE RECENT ELECTION

PARIS.—Jean Longuet, Socialist leader, has given an interview to the Paris correspondent of the "London Daily Herald", in which he ventures the following interpretation of the recent French parliamentary elections:

"The results of the elections, which in a large measure recall the British khaki elections in 1918, surprise only those who did not calculate on the inevitable consequences of the monstrous electoral system created solely to overwhelm socialism. ... Thus, in the great working class suburbs of Paris, with 114,030 votes against 145,000 for the Coalition (all the bourgeois parties, including the renegades from socialism), it comes about that fourteen seats are allotted to the Coalition and none to the Socialist party. The Alsace-Lorraine Socialists obtained 120,000 votes and have not a single seat. ... In all, our party, which had 101 deputies elected in 1914, will have seventy in the new chamber. Yet the number of votes received by our party is 1,700,000 against 1,100,000 in 1914."

SOVIETS SWEEP ON TO VICTORY.

Kolchak, Denikin gone. Soviets make truce with Esthonia. Self determination offered by Lenin as part of peace pact. Russia seeks trade with Italy. Red Victories coming strong.

Editor's note: The week's news from Russia containing account of the onward sweep of the soviet forces to victory on all fronts and the collapse of the Kolchak and Denikin "governments" invites us to publish some recent dispatches from Moscow. While these have appeared in the daily press many hundreds of our readers will appreciate their publication here. The promising outlook in Russia for peace with the Allies and the opening of trade relations with the world are some of the most promising developments of today.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Gen. Denikine's government in southern Russia has been overthrown and Gen. Romanovsky has been chosen to replace Gen. Denikine as anti-Bolshevik chief, according to a wireless dispatch received here from Moscow quoting advices from Taganrog.

The report indicates that owing to defeats along the front, a coup d'etat occurred at Gen. Denikine's headquarters and that his government has been replaced by a group known as the "Vozrozhdenye Rossii," meaning the "regeneration of Russia."

Gen. Semenov has been named to head the Siberian army, succeeding to the command of their national-Admiral Kolchak, who, after a series of reverses at the hands of the Bolsheviks at Irkutsk and Omsk, Siberia, is still retreating. Kolchak's health has suffered as a consequence of his labors in fighting the Reds.

Gen. Semenov was recently commander of the Cossacks operating in the Siberian region, and he is known to be strongly anti-American, having had several misunderstandings with the American forces stationed in Siberia.

DORPAT, Esthonia, Jan. 1.—The first step toward peace between Esthonia and soviet Russia was taken tonight by the signing of a preliminary armistice, which is to exist for one week, stipulating an immediate cessation of hostilities and covering questions concerning Esthonian independence and military guarantees with regard to the frontiers.

The agreement, which may be terminated on twenty-four hours' notice by either side, is to become effective Saturday. Unless action is taken to end it the agreement automatically renews itself after seven days.

The agreement consists of five documents, and includes a map defining the frontiers. An interesting clause absolves Esthonia from all obligations to Russia resulting from former connections with that country. The signing of the agreement had been set for 1 yesterday afternoon but it was not until nearly 8 that the conferees succeeded in adjusting all details.

Esthonia is Recognized.

The next of the clause recognizing Esthonia says:

"In accordance with the principle oft proclaimed by the soviet Russian government of the right of all peoples to a free determination of their national destiny, even to the complete secession from the state to which they belong, Russia recognizes without reservation the independence of the Esthonian state and freely advocates for

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